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Berlin's 647, repeated Bonn 577, London 109, Paris 141, Moscow 188,
POLAD USAREUR 190, and previous telegrams.

USCOB Berlin should advise Moscow by 9:00 a.m. 4 February Berlin time by
most expeditious message and if possible confirm by ~~telephone~~ whether convoy and
personnel permitted to proceed through Marienborn checkpoint. If convoy not
permitted proceed by that hour, Moscow should immediately deliver to Foreign
Office following note:

QUOTE The Government of the United States of America draws the urgent
attention of the Soviet Government to the unwarranted and inadmissible refusal
by Soviet authorities of normal transit through the Marienborn Autobahn check-
point to four two-and-a-half ton trucks and five United States Army personnel
charged with their operation. This convoy has been held up since 1:05 p.m.
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[Central European time, February 2, 1959.

This convoy, on leaving Berlin, was passed through the Nowawes checkpoint by Soviet personnel, having been found to comply with normal procedures, and followed the established route toward its destination. At the Marienborn checkpoint, the Soviet authorities refused to allow it to proceed.

Despite protests by the United States Political Adviser, Berlin, to the Soviet Political Adviser and by the Chief of Staff of the United States Army, Europe, to the Soviet Military Liaison Mission at Frankfurt/Main, the men and vehicles have not yet been allowed to proceed on their journey.

The action of the Soviet authorities at Marienborn is in clear violation of the United States' rights of access to Berlin via the Berlin-Helmstedt autobahn, exercised by the United States Army in accordance with quadripartite agreements with the USSR, the United Kingdom and France since 1945.

The United States Government expects the Soviet Government to take the necessary measures to allow the men and vehicles to proceed to their destination and to ensure against a repetition of the incident. UNQUOTE

Moscow should notify addressees this message of delivery of note.

For London, Paris, and Bonn. British and French here today advised of intention to deliver note. They were assured that before any action to extricate convoy was taken that we would advise them and in this connection we ~~referred~~ ^{referred} to prospective presence of Secretary in London, Paris, and Bonn. If note is delivered you should inform Foreign Office and hand them copy of note.

For all addressees. If note delivered we will ~~not~~ take line with press that we have

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[have taken up the failure to permit the convoy to proceed with the Soviet Government in
Moscow. We will consider later whether and when to release the text.

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